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FDA Commissioner  
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Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA,

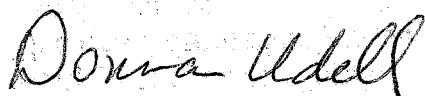
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) food. This ruling ignores the overwhelming consumer demand for adequate safety testing and **mandatory** labeling for all GE foods. This ruling is irresponsible. It ignores potential health and environmental impact concerns.

Many people have allergies and they have a right to know what is in their food. This could dramatically impact the ability to achieve appropriate health care for people with allergies. I urge you to act responsibly and put concerns about human health ahead of concerns about corporate profits.

The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and my right to know. I fully support the following:

- All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing.
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for health and the environment.

Sincerely,



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